

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Land granted to West Coast Paper Mills, Dandeli

62. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(a) the extent of forest land in the Supa and Haliyal Taluks granted by the Forest Department for fencing to the West Coast Paper Mills, Dandeli ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a large number of cases this fencing by the above Paper Mills has been carried on in many villages close to the inhabitation so as to even prevent the village cattle from going out for grazing ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of villagers had represented to the authorities against the grant of land for fencing to the Paper Mill ;

(d) the steps taken by the concerned authorities to meet the demands of the agricultural public ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(a) 61,170 acres.

(b) No. Fencing was done only in reserved forest areas as per working plans of the Department. The fencing is away from the habitation of the Villagers. Fencing has been done in some deserted village-forest areas. Recently, the gowlies have migrated with their cattle into the interior forest areas.

(c) Yes. No grants are made to fence on the land but leased out stipulating some conditions. 7 representations were received from Shingaragoan village in Supa Taluk through the Deputy Commissioner, Karwar and 28 petitions were received direct. They were investigated.

(d) Grass can be got from the fenced areas, through gates provided.

Rural Veterinary Dispensary

71. Sri B. PARAMESWARAPPA (Holalkere).—

will the Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Rural Veterinary Dispensaries have been sanctioned to B. Durga and Talya Hoblies in Holalkere Taluk as the Director of Veterinary Services has already recommended these cases ;